**Three Ordinary Voices of God – Chapter One: Let Your Life Speak**

**Guiding scripture:** John 16:12-14 – *“I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.”*

**It’s Possible to Mis-live your Life**

* *And when death approaches, the person you have become meets the person you could have been.* (p 3) What do you think this means? How can you mis-live your life?

**Let Your Life Speak**

* “Let your life preach” – George Fox. If you had to summarize your life in one word, what would that be? Have you ever written your personal mission statement? Why might this be an important act of reflection for us and how should we do it?

**God Speaks to Everyone**

* Summarize how God has spoken over the centuries (p 8-10). How does He speak to you? Why is it important to Him for you to hear Him?

**The Three Voices**

* Describe in general the three “ordinary voices” God uses to speak to us. At this moment in your life, how are you using one or more to listen?

**The Benefits of Listening to God’s Voice**

* What is personal clarity and what happens when we can practice that? *When was the last time you really asked, sought, knocked?*

**Clarity Leads to Engagement**

* What does engagement look like? Have you had experiences of both? What do you do to become re-engaged?

**Will You Listen?**

* How are we at listening, REALLY listening? Discuss the pitfalls to good and present listening.
* Humility and obedience (to listen deeply!) are the keys to hearing and acting on whatever God is speaking to us. Discuss pages 22-24 and what this brought up for you.